

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
December 18, 2017
South Providence Library

Welcome and Call to Order

President Cyndie Wilmot called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call, noting that 16 trustees were present constituting a quorum.

Present: Tony Aguilar, Kendra Brewster, Avital Chatto, Elena Chiaradio, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Margaret Gardner, Althea Graves, Patience Landford, Matthew Lawrence, Rochelle Lee, Patricia Raub, Deborah Schimberg, Pam Vogel, Cyndie Wilmot, Ken Wise.

Absent: Judanne Hamidzada, Christine Kue, Ellen Schwartz.

Minutes: D. Schimberg moved that the board minutes from November 20 be accepted as recorded. Second: R. Lee. Vote to approve: 11-0-5. Abstaining: Aguilar, Chatto, Gardner, Lawrence, Lee.

President's Report

C. Wilmot welcomed Patience Landford, the Mayor's new staff representative to the board. She thanked M. Gardner for organizing the (delicious) potluck dinner.

Director's Report

Jeffrey Cannell announced that the RI Center for the Book has just selected Angie Thomas's The Hate U Give as its 2018 Reading Across RI selection; PCL will create programming around the selection.

Steve Kumins updated the board on "Over the Edge," including the news that the location will be the Regency Plaza. P. Vogel noted her desire to strengthen the Development Committee in anticipation of the event and asked board members to send her ideas.

J. Cannell updated the board on the strategic planning process.

M. Lawrence asked if the three open Library Manager positions would be posted soon; J. Cannell responded that they would.

2018 Calendar: Board Meetings

The board unanimously approved the calendar for 2018 board meetings.

Open Meetings Act

J. Dagle explained the new requirements that will go into effect on 1/1/2018 regarding the posting of meeting notices and the posting of official minutes on the Secretary of State's website. The PCL board and all PCL committees will, as of January 1, be subject to all

posting requirements as outlined in the OMA. She will send details to committee chairs.

Finance Committee Report

The Income Statement for November was tabled until next month.

Facilities Committee Report

Update: The KML final assessment will be due at the end of February.

Advocacy Update

T. Aguilar explained that the idea of raising funds through a bond referendum was under discussion; the committee would like to know if the board favors going forward. There was discussion about the logistics, and P. Raub noted that the Development and Facilities Committees needed to be involved.

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session:

Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2): collective bargaining negotiations with staff union.

M. Lawrence moved that the meeting go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) and RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1). Second: A, Chatto. Vote: 15-0, unanimous.

P. Landford left the meeting before the Executive Session, leaving 15 voting members.

Motion to return to open session: A. Chatto. Second: T. Aguilar. Vote: 15-0.

Disclosure of vote taken in Executive Session:

The motion in Executive Session (A. Graves; J. Dagle) to accept the negotiating committee's recommendation to approve the contract passed, 14-1. Voting in favor: T. Aguilar, K. Brewster, A. Chatto, E. Chiaradio, J. Dagle, D. Del Gais, M. Gardner, A. Graves, M. Lawrence, R. Lee, P. Raub, P. Vogel, C. Wilmot, K. Wise. Opposed: D. Schimberg.

Motion to seal the minutes of the executive session: R. Lee. Second: E. T. Aguilar. Vote: 15-0.

Adjournment

R. Lee moved to adjourn the meeting. Second: Al Graves. Vote: 15-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle
Secretary